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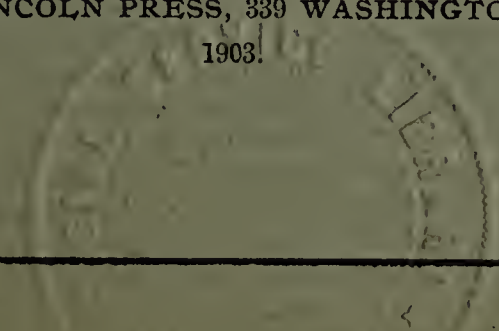
OF THE

BOSTON NORTH-END MISSION,

BOSTON.

AS REVISED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER, 1903.

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AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON NORTH-END MISSION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,
as follows :*

SECTION 1. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, Ezra Farnsworth, Eben Tourjee, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the BOSTON NORTH-END MISSION, to be located in the City of Boston, for the purpose of promoting the spiritual welfare and improving the social and moral conditions of the vicious and degraded portion of the community, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions set forth in all general laws, which now or may hereafter be in force relating to such corporation.

*SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars in value, for the aforesaid purposes.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved March 31, 1870.]

*Incorporated Charitable Institutions are now allowed by general statutes to hold property to the amount of \$500,000.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT.

The name of this Association shall be the BOSTON NORTH-END MISSION.

Its object shall be to promote the spiritual welfare and to improve the social and moral condition of the weak and unfortunate and provide a temporary home for needy children.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS.

Any person may become a corporate member by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting, and by signing the Constitution.

Any person may become a life-member by the payment at one time of twenty dollars.

Any person may become an associate member by the annual payment of one dollar.

All votes for the admission of members, and for the choice of officers, shall be by ballot.

Corporate members only shall have the right to vote.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting there shall be chosen by the Corporation, from its members, a board of thirty directors, who shall hold their offices till their successors are elected. The Corporation shall also choose from the members of the Board of Directors, a Clerk and a Treasurer.

The Board of Directors shall choose from their own body a President and Vice-President.

In case of a vacancy in the Board of Directors, it may be filled temporarily by a majority vote of the Directors.

Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Board of Directors shall have the supervision and control of all the affairs of the mission.

The Clerk of the Corporation shall be the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the second Monday of January.

Notice of the same and of special meetings, which may be called by the President and two Directors, or by five Directors, shall be published in a Boston daily newspaper at least seven days before the time of the meeting.

ARTICLE V.

THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall give such bonds for his fidelity in office as the Board of Directors may determine.

ARTICLE VI.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any annual meeting, notice of the proposed amendment having been given in the call of the meeting. And it shall be the duty of the Clerk on the written request of any three members of the Corporation, to insert such amendment in the notice for the meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

All meetings of the Corporation, and of the Board of Directors, shall be opened with prayer.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the second Monday of each month.

SECT. 2. Special meetings of the Directors may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at the written request of any three members of the Board.

ARTICLE III.

PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and of the Corporation, and shall perform such other duties as may appertain to that office. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

ARTICLE IV.

CLERK.

The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of all the meetings of the Corporation, and of the Board of Directors; and shall receive and file securely all

reports, notify all meetings, and perform such other acts as the duties of the office may require.

ARTICLE V.

TREASURER.

SECTION 1. All moneys received and paid by the Mission shall pass through the hands of the Treasurer, who shall keep accurate accounts and submit the same upon request of the Board of Directors.

SECT. 2. He shall pay only those bills that are approved in accordance with the provisions of these By-laws.

SECT. 3. Disbursements, for purposes not specially provided for, shall be made only under the direction of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI.

DEPARTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The affairs of the Mission shall be distributed under the following departments, and such others as, from time to time, may be deemed necessary :—

Department of the Missionary.

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| “ | “ | Home. |
| “ | “ | Children's Home. |
| “ | “ | Finance |
| “ | “ | Supplies and repairs. |

SECT. 2. Each of these departments shall be in charge of a standing committee of the Board of Directors.

SECT. 3. There shall be a Standing Committee called the Purchasing Committee, composed of members of the Home, and Children's Home Committees, chosen by the Board of Directors. This Committee shall supervise all purchases for the daily needs of the Homes.

SECT. 4. The Chairman of each of these Standing Committees shall approve all bills contracted by his Committee.

SECT. 5. The Standing Committees may make such rules and regulations for their departments, under the approval of the Board of Directors, as may be necessary and not inconsistent with these By-laws.

SECT. 6. Each Standing Committee shall make a monthly report to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII.

THE MISSIONARY.

The Missionary shall have general oversight of the work of the Mission and is expected to have charge of the Sunday and week-day religious meetings, keep regular office hours, present the work when opportunity offers and to be ready at all times to give necessary information in regard to the work of the Mission.

ARTICLE VIII.

ABSENCE OF MEMBERS.

A Director being absent from the Board for three consecutive meetings, unless detained by absence from the city, sickness, or other good reason, his

name may be stricken from the list by vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual or monthly meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, notice of the proposed change having been given, in writing, at the previous regular meeting.



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